

REMARKS

Claims 1-56 constitute the pending claims in the present application. Claims 45-56 have been indicated as allowable. Claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 22-24 and 29-33 are indicated as allowable subject matter, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3, 9, 22, and 29 have been rewritten as independent claims that include the limitations of the original base claims. No new matter has been added. Claims 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 16, 20, 25, 34-37, 39 and 42 have been amended solely to change the dependency of these claims. Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 19, 21, and 26-38 have been cancelled. Those claims have been cancelled so that the other claims may be allowed and a patent may issue. Cancellation of those claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence or surrender of any subject matter. For clarity and without limitation, cancellation of those claims does not, and is not intended to, limit the literal scope of, or equivalents available to, the pending claims with respect to any composition or compound claimed herein. Applicants reserve the option to prosecute further the originally filed claims or similar ones, in the instant or a subsequent patent application.

Further, silence with regard to any of the Examiner's rejections is not an acquiescence to such rejections. Specifically, silence with regard to Examiner's rejection of a dependent claim, when such claim depends from an independent claim that Applicant considers allowable for reasons provided herein, is not an acquiescence to such rejection of the dependent claim(s), but rather a recognition by Applicant that such previously lodged rejection is moot based on Applicant remarks and/or amendments relative to the independent claim (that Applicant considers allowable) from which the dependent claim(s) depends.

Objection to Drawings

The Examiner has objected the drawings because they are informal. Applicant includes with this response formal drawings. No new matter has been added.

Rejection under 35 U. S. C. 102(b)

Claims 1 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Sakuma et al. Claims 1 and 19 have been canceled, rendering these rejections moot with respect to those

claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Rejections under 35 U. S. C. 103(a)

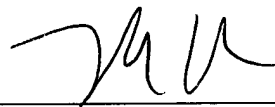
Claims 11-18, and 34-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakuma. Claims 2, 20, and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakuma in view of Rozelle et al. Claims 5 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakuma in view of Petermann et al. Claims 6, 7, 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakuma in view of Blake et al. Claims 8 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakuma and Blake in view of Rozelle et al.

Claims 2, 6, 8, 21, and 26-28 have been canceled, rendering these rejections moot with respect to those claims. Claims 5, and 11-18 have been amended to be dependent on independent claim 3, as amended. Claims 20, 25, and 34-44 have been amended to be dependent on independent claim 22, as amended, and dependent claims thereon. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-832-1000. Should a further extension of time be required other than provided for, Applicant hereby petitions for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this application be charged to Deposit Account, **No. 06-1448**.

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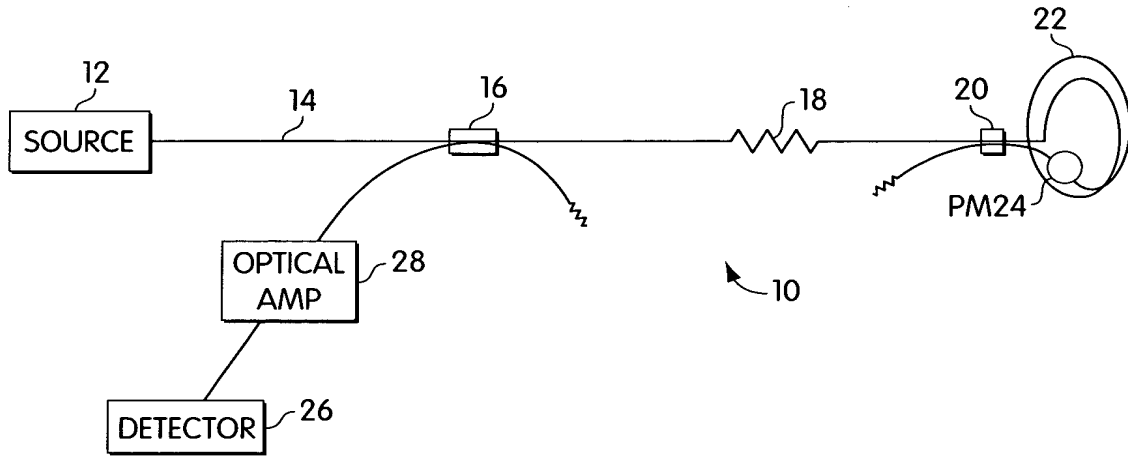


Fig. 1

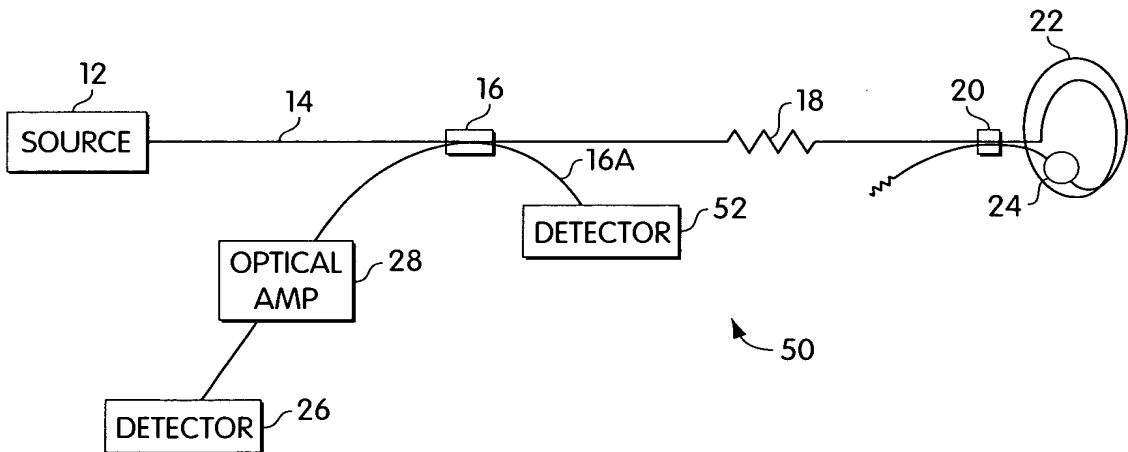


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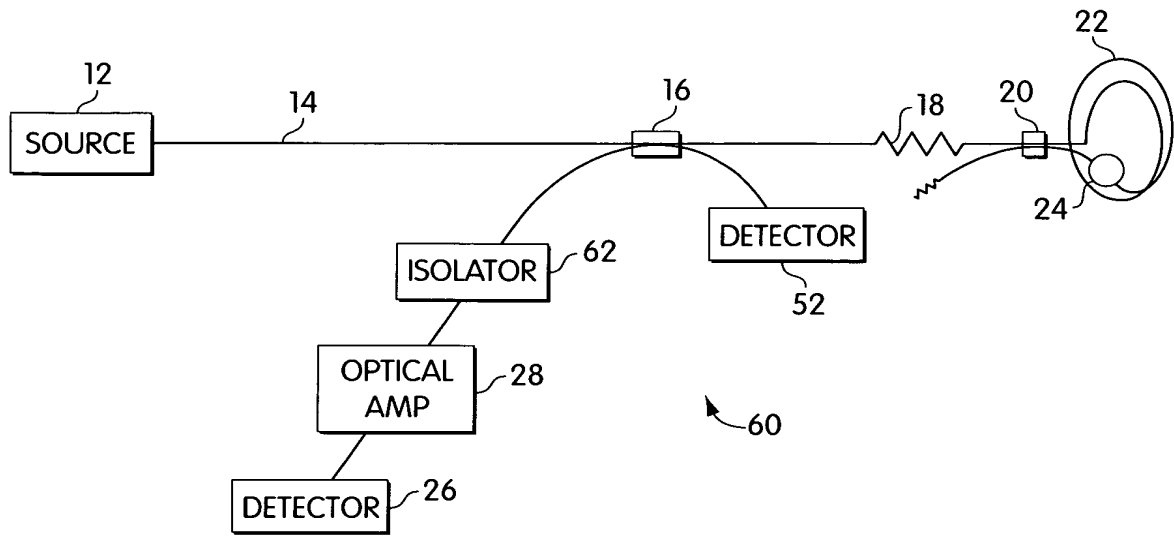


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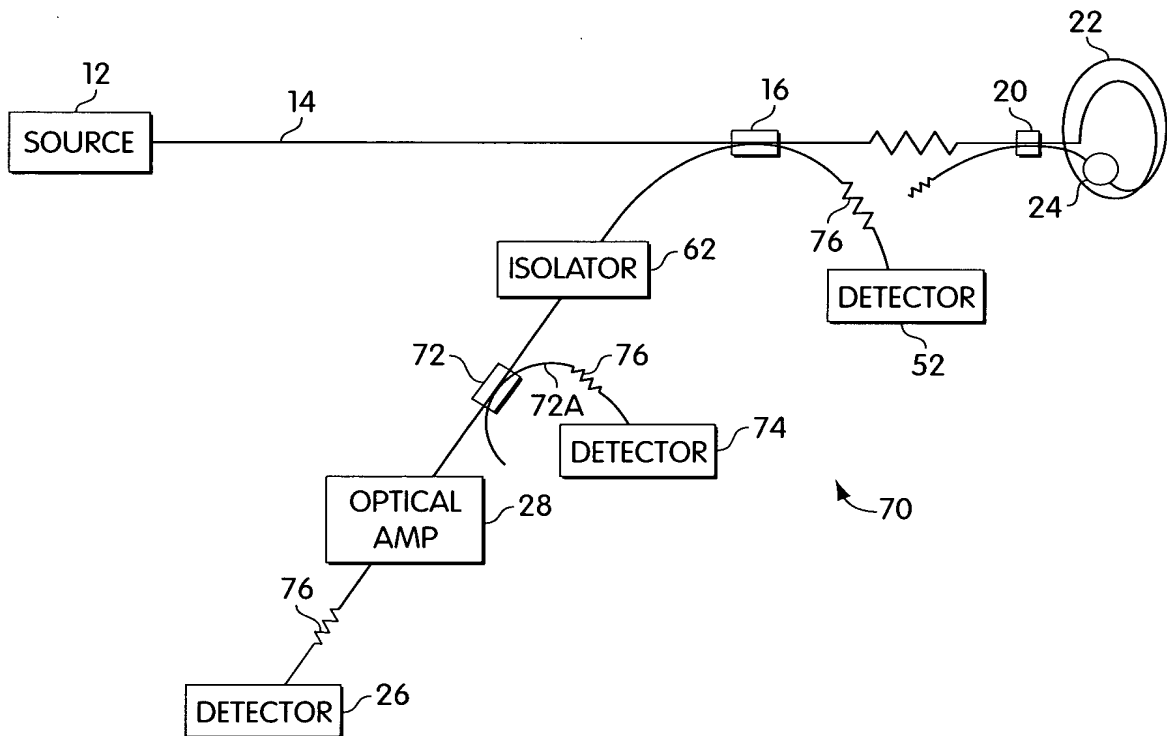


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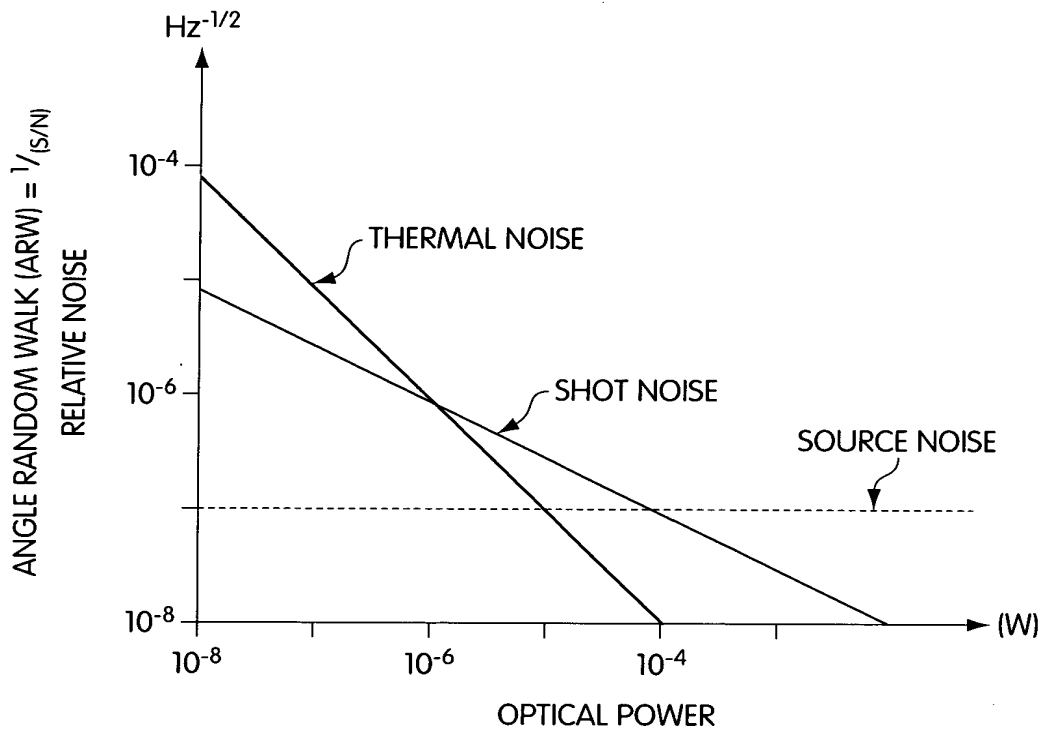


Fig. 5